

REMARKS

Allowed claims

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 14-23. Claims 6-8 were indicated to be allowable if re-written into independent form to include the limitation of the base claims (claim 1) and intervening claims (none). Claim 6 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 1, and claims 7 and 8 depend from claim 6. Accordingly, claims 6-8 and 14-23 should be indicated as allowed.

Rejection of Claims 1-5 and 9-13.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 9-13 as obvious over Hanson in view of Fuller.

The Examiner concedes that Hanson fails to teach a message indicating that a call was connected to a second telephone number. The Examiner cites to Fuller for a teaching of an announcement which is used to inform a caller that his call is being transferred to a destination, citing col. 2 lines 44-49 of Fuller. The applicant's representative understands the teaching of Fuller to be providing an audio announcement. Applicant's representative has been unable to find a teaching in Fuller or Hanson indicating that such announcement is used in any manner to augment a call log of the subscriber. Rather, such announcement is simply for informational purposes to advise the caller, as stated in Fuller.

Claim 1 has been amended to further distinguish from Fuller and recite that method includes the step of sending the subscriber terminal a call log data message containing data for entry in the call log, the message indicating that a call was connected

to the second telephone number; whereby the data may be entered into the call log. Such claim amendments distinguish over a mere announcement informing a caller that a call has been forwarded. The call log data message contemplates a transmission of a data message, not a mere announcement, which contains data for entry in a call log, e.g., the time or date information, and phone number. Neither Fuller nor Hanson contemplate a call log which contains such call transfer information nor a subscriber terminal which receives such a call log data message containing data for entry into a call log. Accordingly, since the subject matter of claim 1 is not taught or suggested by Fuller or Hanson, the § 103 rejection of claim 1 and dependent claims 2-5 and 9-13 should be withdrawn.

As to claim 3, this claim specifically recites certain formats for the call log data message, including SMS (Short Message Service), MMS (Multimedia Message Service), a page, and a DTAP (Direct Transfer Application Part). The examiner cites to Hanson, Figure 3 and col. 3 line 56 – col. 4 line 29. Applicants find no such teaching in Hanson. Figure 3 of Hanson is a flow chart showing a directory assistance process and shows a step 316 of “play voice announcement including received telephone number to caller.” This is a *voice announcement* (col. 4 line 15-19). The reference does not mention any of the message formats recited in claim 3. At col. 4 line 8-14 the reference mentions that in-band signaling is used between the directory assistance service provider and the call management platform, but “the caller cannot hear this in-band transaction” (col. 4 line 12) as the caller has essentially been put on hold. (Col. 4 line 8).

Accordingly, Hanson does not teach or suggest providing a call log message to a user using SMS (Short Message Service), MMS (multimedia message service), a page,

and a DTAP (Direct Transfer Application Part). It merely discloses a voice message advising a caller of a destination number and an invitation to stay on the line and the call will be transferred.

Conclusion

All claims are considered in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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